

## **State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

### **Public Utilities Commission**

#### **Minutes of Open Meeting Held on May 15, 2001**

**Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Gaynor, Commissioner Brenda Gaynor, Thomas Massaro, Steven Frias, Douglas Hartley and Luly Massaro.**

**Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 10:30 AM in the first floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission. A quorum was present.**

#### **Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs):**

3324 - El Paso Networks, LLC

3322 - Dark Air Corp.

The above CLECs registered to operate in RI. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval. After review, Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

3307 - Telergy Network Services

3143 - Essex Communications, Inc.

2878 - Choice One Communications

2791 - Net2000 Communications, Inc.

2789 - Network Plus, Inc.

The above CLECs filed revisions to its existing tariffs. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

#### **Competitive Switchless Resellers (CSRs):**

2252(Q15) - TRICOM USA, Inc.

2262(P15) - Frontier Communications of America, Inc.

2262(O15) - Norcom, Inc. d/b/a Norwegian Communications

2262(M15) - BridgeCom International, Inc.

2262(N15) - Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC

The above CSRs registered to operate in RI. The Division has reviewed the registrations and recommends approval. After review, Commissioner Racine moved to approve the registrations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

2262(V12) - TON Services, Inc.

2262(C8) - CTC Communications Corp.

2262(C3) - Excel Telecommunications, Inc.

2262(O10) - Z-Tel Communications, Inc.

2262(P7) - WorldCom Technologies, Inc.

2262(V1) - WorldCom Network Services, Inc.  
2262(E6) - Communication TeleSystems International  
2262(U10) - Optimum Global Communications, Inc.  
2262(A6) - Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc.

The above CSRs filed revisions to its existing tariffs. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

**Interexchange Carriers (IXCs):**

3321 - AT&T Communications of NE, Inc.  
3325 - AT&T Communications of NE, Inc.  
3328 - AT&T Communications of NE, Inc.  
3329 - Sprint Communications  
3327 - Sprint Communications  
3320 - MCI Telecommunications Corp.  
3316 - MCI Telecommunications Corp.  
3319 - MCI Telecommunications Corp.

The above IXCs filed revisions to its existing tariffs. After review, the Commission followed the Division's recommendation that the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect without suspension.

**3310 - Verizon Rhode Island:** The Company filed revisions to the collocation tariff to specify that DC power will be provided to a collocation arrangement with charges for DC power based on a per load amp rather than on a fused amp basis. After review, Commissioner Racine moved to approve the filing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

With respect to Verizon's proposed audit and enforcement provisions for DC power usage, Commissioner Gaynor was interested to see how the deterrent operates. She requested that VRI file a report annually on the implementation of these audit and enforcement provisions.

**3193 – Pawtucket Water Supply Board (PWSB):** Chairman Germani discussed the travel of the docket. He noted that at last minute, the Commission learned that an intervenor, City of Central Falls, elected not to participate on the Settlement due to an unrelated dispute between the city and PWSB. According to the Settlement, the parties agreed 1) that no changes in rate design would be implemented, 2) that in the next rate filing, PWSB agreed to file a Cost of Service Study (COSS) based on the "base-extra capacity" methodology as recommended by the Division, and 3) the COSS will reflect a fire flow requirement of six-thousand (6,000) gallons per minute with a duration of six (6) hours.

After review, Commissioner Gaynor moved to approve the Settlement. Commissioner Racine noted that she read the transcript and seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Settlement was unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

In view of the recent rate increases, Commissioner Racine wants to see PWSB inform its customers about its system, its goals for upgrading it and of the upcoming rate filing.

**Minutes of Open Meeting:** Commissioner Racine moved to approve the Minutes of Open Meetings held on January 19, 2001, April 25, 2001 and May 4, 2001. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gaynor and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

There being no further business to discuss, the open meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.